GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR PROMOTION OF URDU LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to allocate more than Rs.10 crore for promotion of Urdu during 2003-04;

(b) if so, the purpose for which this amount would be spent; and

(c) the criteria to be adopted in utilising these funds for the promotion of Urdu?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) : The Plan allocation for the National Council for Promotionof Urdu Language, an autonomous body under this Ministry, during the year 2003-2004 is Rs. 9.75 crores.

In addition, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Appointment ofLanguage Teachers, a budget outlay of Rs.11.50 crores has been provided for the next year which includes a sub component for providing grants to the State Governments for the appointment of Urdu Teachers in State Government schools.

Besides, the University Grants Commission also provides grants to the Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad.

(b) & (c) : The Government implements various schemes through NCPUL amongst which it may be mentioned
(i) the opening of computerized calligraphy training centres,
(ii) grants-in-aid for promotional activities,
(iii) assistance to Urdu Newspapers,
(iv) appointment of part time language teachers,
(v) grants to voluntary organizations for publication and purchase of books,
(vi) distance education, correspondence courses, etc. On the receipt of proposals through the State Governments, committees of experts constituted for the purpose decide on their merits and viability of each proposal according to specified norms before grants are recommended and released.